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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 9, 2007
Meeting Time: 9:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. Robert Jackman, Chairperson; Sen. Thomas Weatherwax; Sen. Phil Boots; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Robert Deig; Sen. Richard Young; Rep. David Cheatham, Vice-Chairperson; Rep. Peggy Welch; Rep. William Friend; Rep. Jack Lutz; Rep. Richard Dodge.

Members Absent: Rep. Steven Stemler.

Call to Order. Sen Jackman, Chair of the committee, called the meeting to order. After an introduction of committee members, Sen Jackman called up Cari Evans to introduce the topic of state oversight for the water resources of the state.

State Oversight of Water Resources. Ms. Evans, Governor's Office, introduced David Phippen who will be assuming Ms. Evans' responsibilities. She then introduced Commissioner Jeff Golc, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC).

Responsibilities of the IURC. Commissioner Golc provided an overview of the IURC's responsibilities as well as IURC water facts. (See Exhibits 1, 2, and 3.) Jerry Webb, IURC Director, explained that entities can not account for 25% of the water supply, probably due to leaks and poor accounting practices.

Responsibilities of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Pat Carroll, Branch Chief, Drinking Water Branch, IDEM, explained IDEM's role in overseeing water quality. (See Exhibit 4.)

¹ Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

Responsibilities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ron McAhron, DNR Deputy Director, provided an overview of the DNR's role in overseeing the water resources of the state. He also reviewed the emergency rule pertaining to water withdrawal contracts for water supply purposes from reservoirs that are financed by the state. (See Exhibits 5 and 6.)

Great Lakes Compact. Ms. Evans provided an overview of the Great Lakes Compact. (See Exhibit 7.) Vince Griffin, State Chamber of Commerce, endorsed the Compact.

After discussion, the committee voted 11-0 to support the concept of joining the Great Lakes Compact.

Adjournment. The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.